

Our Fourfooted Friends

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"Snowball"



I FIRST SAW HER when a League attendant brought her to my office — a wee bit of black fur only five weeks old that could easily fit into the palm of my hand. She purred her affection as a little kitten will, and her plaintive meowing called for attention.

And attention she needed — and received, particularly from Mrs. Buttrick who fed her in the beginning with a medicine dropper and tended to her every need.

We called her "Snowball" — a direct contrast to her silky, glistening black fur, but she had come to us with the winter's first snow fall, and she seemed to approve of her name as she would come on call as if anxious to please.

She loved her home and everyone in it. During the Christmas season she made friends with our son who was home on leave from the Coast Guard Academy and who will treasure the Kodachrome picture he took of her with her little

face looking inquiringly out of a stocking hanging by the fireplace. Playful she was and delighted in her own bag of toys and then when tired of such frolicking she went to sleep in one of our laps her contentedness was evident.

Perhaps it was her playfulness that caused her untimely end. She loved to jump and somehow — we will never know — she injured her spinal column. Two all-night vigils by Mrs. Buttrick and the tender care of League veterinarians could not ease the pain.

Today, to prevent her further suffering, she was put to sleep. Tomorrow she will rest in our Pine Ridge cemetery at Dedham with our other departed pets.

"Snowball" was only fifteen weeks old, but in the ten weeks she was with us she was a vital part of our family life. Companionship she gave in fullest measure. Now she is gone and something is missing from our home.

C. E. B.



LEAGUE IN ACTION: *League Vice President, Earl E. Wentzel, holds Duke, dog who was being transported from his former home in Burlington, Massachusetts, to Logan Airport and who jumped out of the car and was later picked up by the League. After being treated for a virus condition by League veterinarians, Duke was sent to his owners in Panama City, Florida.*



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SINCE its inception 61 years ago the Animal Rescue League of Boston has been called on "to extend a helping hand" to just about all forms of animal life from a mouse to an elephant, but in the year just concluded a new *first* was chalked up when our Provincetown agent went to the aid of a stranded whale.

A 50-ton, 45-foot male finwhale was beached at Provincetown on the first week-end of December and became famous as scientists were able to obtain recordings of the heartbeat of the world's largest existing animal. Unfortunately the whale could not be saved, but the *New York Times* reported, "Efforts by the Animal Rescue League to keep the whale moist (a dried whale does not live long) and by the United States Coast Guard to tow him out to sea failed five times. As many whales before him, he wanted to go on the beach and no human effort could stop him."

For the better part of two days before the animal finally succumbed, the League's Provincetown agent sprayed water on it. Unfortunately, not everyone was as interested in saving the whale as our agent. In a letter to the editor of *Provincetown Advocate*, an irate citizen wrote, "On Saturday morning, before the arrival of Don Westover of the Animal Rescue League, two brave young fellows carved their initials into the whale's side. Another stuffed a tin can into the whale's blow hole. Mr. Westover prevented any further molesting of the whale after his arrival and also saw to it that the whale was kept cool and moist by spraying water on it." The writer, after criticizing the actions of certain people, concluded his letter by saying, "It is to the credit of Donald Westover of the Animal Rescue League that he knew what his duty was and he did it, without indecision and hesitation. He did everything in his power to prolong the life of the whale so, that perhaps, it might return to its ocean home."

"Ming," a Siamese kitten about four months of age,

was brought to the League clinic one day by his owner because he was not eating and seemed to have great difficulty in swallowing what little food he was coaxed to eat. Since "Ming" resisted any attempt to open his mouth it was decided to sedate him for further examination.

A short-acting anesthetic was injected intravenously which allowed our veterinarian to open his mouth, and there at the base of "Ming's" tongue was discovered the cause of his trouble. The shiny end of a sewing needle with thread intact was seen protruding out into the throat. The needle was extracted with forceps and "Ming" given an injection of antibiotics. On last report he was doing well, and his owner has placed all sewing equipment far out of his playful reach.

From the League's agent at North Harwich, in the heart of Cape Cod's vacation area, came this report in September. "Each year shows an improvement in the summer visitors' bringing in their pets. Yet, I believe there will be as many animals left behind as ever. Cats and litters of kittens show up at the same places each year which leads me to believe they are dropped by the same people. It is so easily done, but it is not so easy to catch or trap these frightened animals each fall. These people little realize that only a small percentage survive. Some are automobile victims. Others become prey to predatory animals. Mostly they starve to death. Isn't it much better, if homes are not available, that they be humanely put to sleep rather than suffer the horrible death nature sometimes metes out? With thirteen years of animal protective work behind me I speak from experience, and if these words can help to prevent abandonment then my sad memories of past cases have not been wasted."

The foregoing explains to some extent *why* the services of the League are needed. The accounts which follow continue to exemplify the LEAGUE IN ACTION.

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COLLECTION SERVICE

{Through the eyes of one of our agents}

AROUND our department run the spokes of the wheel that are the functions of the League, for it is through the Collection Service that the animals are brought in from the streets and from the homes of people who no longer can care for their pets because of age, sickness, injury, or other reason.

The agents are required to call in to headquarters several times each day while they are on their routes. In this way a sick or injured animal or a cat in a tree can receive the quickest possible attention from one of our experienced agents.

Although the clerk and dispatcher who take the ambulance service calls try to find out as much information as possible about the numerous misfortunes that befall the animals we serve, they cannot get an on-the-scene picture until the drivers come back from their routes. Books could be filled with the experiences these men recount as they turn in their work for the day, around five o'clock in the afternoon.

I remember one day I received a call from a public school in Roxbury. They reported dogs had been abandoned in a vacant house near the school. For obvious reasons we do not like to send our agents into a vacant building or apartment alone. If entry must be forced, we generally call on the police or our own Inspection Department for assistance. If my co-worker and I had had a camera that day, we would have had the picture of the year. When we arrived at the house, three dogs were on

the third floor, side by side looking out of the window. I have never seen anything sadder than those three dejected faces appealing for help. We were told that these poor animals had been locked on the third floor of this wreck of a house for three days. The dogs were brought back to the League where they were provided food and shelter. Apparently this was the work of some fiendish person or persons because the dogs all had legitimate owners to whom, fortunately, we were able to return them.

Through the telephone service of our Collection Department we are able to assign the men to such calls as this one and relieve the animals in question.

Of course not all our calls are as dramatic, but in many ways they are just as important. Picking up a lost, wandering pet, providing it shelter until its owner is found is a happy occasion for all involved. I recall a case where another agent picked up a very valuable French poodle and through the services of the League returned it to the anxious owner. It is a sense of satisfaction to me that I am able to be a part of it all.

[*Editor's Note:* This same agent who wrote the above article was primarily responsible for rescuing six cats from a burned-out building in Charlestown. Several of the cats had been singed by the fire and were extremely difficult to handle even after capture. By persistent effort and repeated visits to the damaged building he was able to trap humanely the cats that the owner had not been able to find to take with her when she was forced to evacuate the burning building.]



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LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

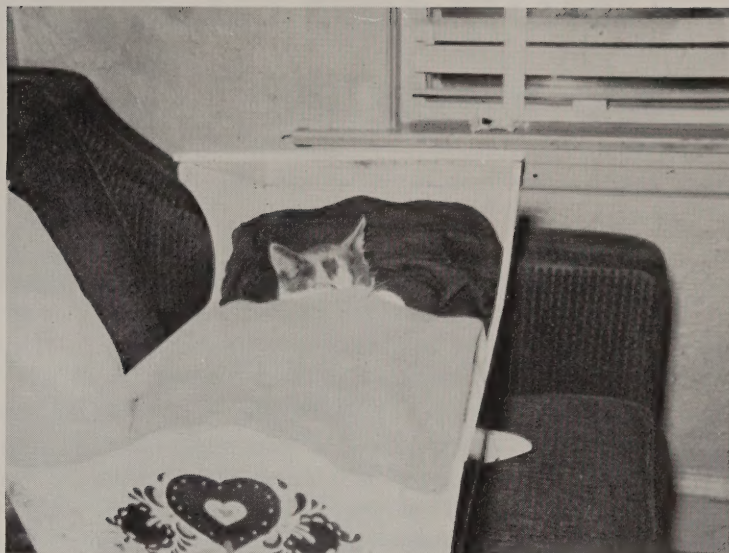
THE motto of our Lost and Found Department is, "Don't give up — your pet won't!" Although there are many happy reunions between pets and owners in this department during the year, we do believe it will be many a year before we have the pleasure of witnessing a more joyful dog and family than the ones we played host to on a sunny September afternoon. Also, considering the distances involved, it was accomplished rather quickly through the cooperation of the City Clerk's Office in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. A stray German Shepherd, carrying a New Hampshire dog license, was found wandering in the Roxbury area on September 2nd. A letter was sent off to the City Clerk's Office in Portsmouth to find out the name and address of the owner. Someone in that office evidently has a soft spot in their heart for animals, because they took the trouble to notify the owner directly on the next day, September 3rd. That same afternoon the entire family (there must have been six or seven in all) came in to the League to identify their dog. Of course, as is generally the case, the dog usually identifies the owner, and in this instance there was no doubt in anyone's mind. The dog leaped from one to another lavishing kisses on all of them. Even on the way out to the car, he quite evidently could not control his joyful emotions as he bounded from one member of the family to another. Possibly one of the unusual aspects of this story is that, according to the owner, the dog had disappeared from their home three months previously and every effort to locate it had failed.

Another case in which a dog was returned concerned

an owner from Kittery, Maine. We had ascertained the name and address of the owner from the licensing authority in Maine and then wrote to the owner. As it was a mixed breed spaniel, the owner called long distance to make sure of certain identifying marks. When he was reassured that it was his dog, he said that he would leave work that afternoon and come down for his pet, and we were able to complete another joyful reunion.

We cannot too strongly stress the need for licensing your dog. The preceding accounts certainly emphasize the tremendous possibilities of returning a lost animal to its owner if there is a license tag from which to make positive identification and location of the owner. Also, we suggest the need for keeping your current address available at the office where you license your dog. Within the past few months we have had several cases where the dog has been licensed, but the owner moved away without leaving any forwarding address. In these cases where we have sometimes resorted to Registered or Certified Mail to reach the owner, the letter is returned marked "Unclaimed" or "Not Found." Even personal visits by our inspectors or agents have not been effective in locating neighbors or anyone who seemed to know where the owner might have gone. In some of these cases the animal has been held for a month or more — considerably beyond the legal holding period of 10 days — while we exhaust every possibility of locating the owner. Of course, when all efforts have failed, we must either try to find a new home for the dog or see that it is humanely put to sleep.

PET PLACEMENT



The owner of the kitten pictured above writes: —

“As you can see by the enclosed snapshot, Deborah is loving every minute of it — also the children! She’s a lovable little thing (except for my curtains) but we all love her just the same. Many thanks for our new addition.”

Successful adoption? Good public relations? We are certain that these are true in this case as well as in several thousand other adoptions that are completed throughout the year. This is just one example of the appreciative responses that we receive from new owners of pets adopted through our Pet Placement Department.

Sometimes we are criticized by prospective patrons because we have refused to place a large dog in a city apartment, or because we will not place a small puppy or kitten in a family where there are very small children who might unintentionally be too rough for the pet. We make every effort to assist in the selection of a pet that will be suitable for the new family and home. The services of our experienced Supervisor of Pet Placement in giving this type of advice are invaluable.

Quite often people come to us looking for a purebred animal as a pet. It is quite infrequent that we have any such to offer — either because most of those that are lost seem to be valuable enough for their owners to take the trouble to claim, or oftentimes if such an animal is given up, it is because of bad habits or traits that we would not

ask a new owner to undertake to correct.

Many times people come to us and ask what kind of dog we recommend. For a good pet that will return your care and affection a hundredfold, we suggest a mixed breed dog of the type and size to fit your home. For a pet that will quickly learn to stay at home and not be a bother or pest in the neighborhood, we recommend a spayed female. And of course with the League’s spaying program whereby every female adopted from the League is spayed in our Clinic at no additional charge, what simpler method could there be for obtaining the pet that will suit most everyone’s requirements.

It is particularly gratifying to have a family come in together to select their pet. Usually there is some debate as to the choice of pet. Mother prefers a small smooth haired dog; she is thinking of the dog hair that will have to be cleaned up. However, the children are usually quickly attracted to the fuzzy puppy that is certainly going to have long hair and require a good deal of mother’s care. Father probably will have to find reasons to pacify both sides, securing the children’s promise to help care for the puppy, and assuring mother that there will be very little extra work for her. When the family leaves, with the children debating as to who shall hold the leash and who shall feed the puppy, we feel certain that we have helped another family and another pet find mutual security in each other.

INSPECTION INVESTIGATION AND QUARANTINE



THE ROUTINE inspection of stockyards, riding and livery stables, livestock auctions, and other places where animals are used or kept is an essential part of the work of our Inspection Department. These routine inspections do not lend themselves to the spectacular, but they do enable us to insure adequate care and humane handling for these animals that are required to serve man.

As we indicated in our report last year, we have tried to maintain continued activity in the area of the West End Redevelopment Project in an effort to rescue and remove as many of the abandoned cats as possible. Some residents are still gradually moving out, and buildings are still being demolished, making this a continuing problem. Because of the distraction of noise and workmen during weekdays, it is usually fruitless to attempt capture and rescue operations during regular hours. Some remaining residents in the area have assisted in helping to secure some of the animals. Also, from time to time we have asked some of our regular personnel to work overtime on Saturday afternoons and Sundays in order to devote their entire attention to this rescue operation. In this manner we were able to rescue an additional twelve cats.

Calls for assistance take our inspectors to some of the most unusual areas. In December we received a call from one of the watchmen who had left Spectacle Island when most of the refuse disposal operations in that area were being discontinued. He said that he had been feeding a number of stray wild cats while he was stationed there and was concerned for their care since he was not going back.

Through the cooperation of the Police Commissioner and the Harbor Patrol of the Boston Police Department, we were able to put two men on Spectacle Island on a windy day late in December. Through the use of humane cat traps, they were able to rescue and remove five cats

from the island. They were assisted in this effort by one of the men from the Harbor Patrol who knew where to help them locate the cats.

One of the happier chores of the Inspection Department is the distribution of Christmas dinners for horses. These are made possible through the generous response to our Christmas Appeal for Animals. Over 400 Christmas dinners composed of ground oats, bran, corn meal, cracked corn, apples and carrots were delivered to livery and riding stables. Also, twelve good warming blankets were given to needy horses. This friendly approach enables us to provide some immediate comfort and a dinner treat for these animals, as well as placing us in a position to suggest the replacement of broken windows to eliminate drafts and other needed repairs for the winter comfort of the horses.

One of the little known but important services of the League is that function performed by our Quarantine Department. This is the rabies control program under which all animal bite cases within the City of Boston are recorded, and the biting animal quarantined for fourteen days. Necessarily records must be kept accurately, and all cases followed out to a satisfactory conclusion, which sometimes involves tracing people who have moved, or tracing an animal that has been given away or disposed of subsequent to the biting incident.

Our Animal Quarantine Inspector visits over one thousand household pets during the year. Most of these are of course cats and dogs, but occasionally we are called upon to quarantine an unusual pet such as a spider monkey on tour with a carnival, a mouse owned by a school, a pet squirrel, or a South American Raccoon (*Coati Mundi*) kept by the owner of a pet shop. While none of these animals proved to be rabid, we feel certain that our vigilance in the interest of the public health and safety as well as the welfare of the animals involved is justly warranted.



Boston Globe Photo by Jack O'Connell

SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

DURING the past year the clinic has handled many hundreds of cases of the type that might be encountered in a typical busy veterinary practice.

Inoculation against the viral diseases of dogs and cats is recommended and applied to animals in our shelter and, also, on request of owners to pets brought to us during clinic hours.

The spay operation is performed in our surgery in large numbers.

Automobile accident cases are treated, X-rayed, lacerations sutured and fractures repaired with casts, splints or other suitable orthopedic devices similar to those used in human medicine.

Then there are the large bulk of cases that include animals that are plagued by skin disorders, sores or infection of the body or ears or that are just plain sick or not doing well. Also, much information is dispensed via the telephone to owners on the care or handling of their pets.

In going through our case records some of the histories encountered show how the work in the clinic may vary from day to day.

Shelter record number 12672, now known as "Queenie," was brought to our clinic by one of our ambulance drivers who had answered an emergency call to aid a stray dog that was hit by an automobile and left lying in the gutter of a busy thoroughfare, apparently abandoned. A quick examination by a clinician established that she had a compound fracture of the left foreleg and possible internal injuries. She was given a transfusion and a temporary dressing applied to her badly smashed leg. The following day, having come through the shock phase of her injury satisfactorily, she was anesthetized, had her leg X-rayed and repaired surgically by reduction and insertion of a stainless steel pin into the marrow cavity of the fractured bone.

Because of the nature of the injury to her leg, the possibility of infection was very great. Antibiotic injections were given twice daily for several days along with prophylaxis against distemper. It is now several weeks since the original injury, and "Queenie" has progressed to the degree that she will soon be placed for adoption since her original owner has not appeared to claim her.

Almost despairingly the man placed his good-natured buff-colored cocker spaniel on the examining table. Sadly

he stated that she could no longer raise herself on her hind legs, but instead they extended uselessly under her body.

"Duchess" had suffered an affliction not uncommon in her breed, as well as in dachshunds and breeds of similar body proportions. The spine is made up of several separate bones or vertebrae, and between them is a small amount of tissue which acts as a shock absorber or cushion. One of these "discs" had ruptured, and the contents had extended upward toward "Duchess'" nerve cord which runs through a portion of the vertebrae. The result was a paralysis of the posterior end of the dog's body due to injury to the nerves.

For several days "Duchess" was treated with tender, loving care at the clinic; she was given drugs to relieve the intense pain, to forestall infection, and to help in nerve regeneration. The staff even had to aid "Duchess" in emptying her urinary bladder, since it also was paralyzed. Gradually she began to use her legs, and then came the day when she stood up all by herself. It would be hard to say whether "Duchess" or her master was the happier when she was taken home, well on the road to recovery.

One afternoon a blue parakeet (a wedding present to its young owner) was brought to the clinic with a firm swelling on his right wing. The poor fellow would try to fly up to the top perch of his cage and, because of the added weight on one side, would lose his balance and topple over. This had been going on for several weeks until finally the worried owner brought him for examination.

The swelling turned out to be a tumor, and the young lady requested surgery. Very, very carefully ether was administered to the small patient until he was relaxed and could feel no pain. The feathers surrounding the area were removed, the skin cleansed, and an incision made. The tumor was eased from its position under the skin, then fine sutures were used to close the operative site.

Healing was rapid, so that in five days the stitches were removed. This was fortunate, since one of the biggest post-operative problems had been to keep this small parakeet from removing them himself. With the mass gone from the wing he was again able to maneuver normally, no longer tumbling about the cage in an attempt to gain higher altitudes.

CAPE COD BRANCH

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN, *Director*

HARWICH PORT, MASSACHUSETTS

“THE March lion roared across Nantucket Sound, lashed his tail over our Cape and departed with equal speed leaving snowdrifts behind him.”

This we recalled in reading *OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS* of 1941, and today we are reminded how history repeats itself, for recently a snow storm swept over our area without touching Boston or other more northerly points.

In addition to the small song birds which took refuge with us in January, more recent visitors have been five evening grosbeaks, followed by a ravenous flock of thirty, mostly males, who spent one day devouring our

wild bird food then whirled in air to parts unknown.

Our most poignant indoor sport shared by our Blackie, once a stray cat but for five years an established member of our household, is the nearby presence of small birds, mostly chickadees who rejoice in the position of our feeder conveniently placed on a well sheltered sill outside our dining-room window. Whether in his zeal to reach these tiny birds, Blackie may have bumped his head on the window glass, we never knew. The fact is that he avoids all contact with it, and — like ourselves — is merely a Bird Watcher.

This is his own television
Special set. An antique chair
Ladder back, convenient there
Gives him place to watch birds flitting
Gives him also place for sitting
He has a front row seat and so
In silence he moves to and fro
His presence he must not announce
Best be quiet — must not pounce
Who can count each chickadee
When they flit from tree to tree?
Jaunty black cap, tail a-twitch
We may wonder which is which
It seems they are identical
In their marking — boy or gal
One alights on window ledge
Another teetering on the edge
Sun flower seed between their toes
Tap, tap, tap, their hammer goes
Now from branch of tamarack
One more swoops — First boy came back
Interference with his prize
By Blue Jay, uttering shrill cries.
We dull humans ask, “What next?”
Ah! they follow their own text.
Come summer time in leafy trees
Parents and nestlings rocked by breeze
When days are long and evenings fair
“Blackie,” we beg, “Begone, Beware!”

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN



Photo by Craig Studio of Photography

WAIT FOR ME

Bright blue the sky, the sea is still,
I follow our foot path down the hill,
When a cry like elfin hounds at bay
Rings echoing down the winding way.
Or is some lonely, lost banshee
Wistfully calling, "Wait for me?"

Pursuing, panting, hard on my track,
Pink tongue lolling, nose to the ground,
Small white terrier splashed with black,
Comes Bozo and his the haunting sound —
"Must you desert me faithlessly?
Wait for me, Missy, wait for me!"

Through fortune's change with steadfast air,
You're watching, Bo, your eyes impart —
"Come good or ill, days foul or fair,
I'm following you, my loyal heart,
To its last beat unswervingly
Is all for you — just wait for me."

So Bozo, when it falls that you
Find those far isles beyond the blue,
My prayer goes with you down the years,
Beyond this world of doubt and fears.
In Elysian fields, little white soul free,
"Wait for me, laddie, wait for me!"

MARGARET MORSE COFFIN

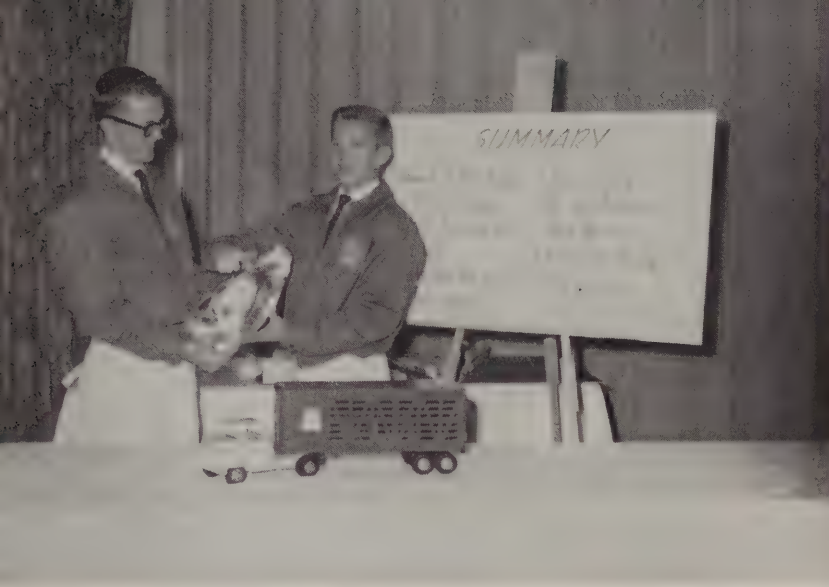


Photo by Mary M. Rheams which won first prize in the Dog Photo Contest of Gaines Dog Research Center.

This is the whale which was beached in Provincetown in December, story of which appears on page 4. League Agent, Donald Westover, is standing on far side of whale, and it will be noted that he has kept the whale wet down in an effort to keep it alive.



Photo courtesy Daniel Bernstein



LIVESTOCK CONSERVATION

THE Livestock Conservation Department of the Animal Rescue League of Boston through its Director wishes to express thanks to all cooperators who assisted in achieving another successful year. We request continued cooperation to insure success in the years to come.

The Livestock Conservation Department concerns itself with the careful handling of commercial and domesticated animals and fowl. The scope of this department covers the entire area of the New England States. The primary method of dispensing the "Careful Handling" program is through education.

The Livestock Director carries out much of the League's livestock "Careful Handling" program through state departments of agriculture and the land grant colleges throughout New England. He also works closely with 4-H and vocational agriculture organizations. Other agricultural educational groups using this livestock conservation approach in teaching "Careful Handling" are the Grange, Farm Bureau, Agricultural Fairs and Farm Shows. The Animal Rescue League Livestock Director is the disseminating agent also in carrying "Careful Handling" of livestock information to auctions, commission sales, stockyards, slaughter plants, farms and all other places where domesticated animals and fowl are found.

During the past year we have worked toward legislation that will result in a more humane method of slaughtering our animals that are used for food. We are pleased to report that New Hampshire was the first New England state to pass a humane slaughter bill into law. We are also confident that at least one New England state will follow New Hampshire's fine example this year, with others to follow next year. Currently we are driving for the passage of a humane slaughter bill in Massachusetts.

Mediums through which information on "Careful Handling" of livestock is presented are pamphlets and

bulletins, newspapers, magazine articles, lectures, demonstrations, exhibits, personal talks, radio and television programs.

The League's Livestock Conservation Department is closely affiliated with Livestock Conservation, Inc., a national organization with offices in Chicago, Illinois. This affiliation consists of the exchange of facts, ideas, and even cooperation in the planning and carrying out of objectives in the "Careful Handling" of livestock. The President of the Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Livestock Conservation Director attend planning meetings of Livestock Conservation, Inc. and have a voice in treatment of issues that come before the group.

This department carries on several major projects each year that result in attainment of the broad objectives of "Careful Handling" of livestock. One of the most gratifying is a teaching program carried on by lectures and demonstrations with our 4-H club people. Through this project an outstanding New England 4-H individual or team of two demonstrators is financed on a trip to Chicago each year to compete in the national livestock conservation demonstration contests. This year for the third consecutive time a New Hampshire 4-H'er represented us in the national contest.

This department publishes a monthly release during the academic year entitled "More Money From Livestock." In this release we deal with current topics concerning livestock. Our mailing list for this circular embraces six hundred educators, supervisors, and leaders in the agricultural field. It is estimated that through this effort alone we influence over six thousand people toward proper management of livestock.

In 1960 we plan to continue toward our broad objectives, working with those who in any way control livestock to the end that good management, "Careful Handling," and sensible direction will result.

HUMANE EDUCATION



Boston Globe Photo by Louis Russo

"I'M GLAD my visit to the Mary Hemenway School was so timed that I met you and Mrs. Smith and was able to hear the praises of your puppet show from the teachers and children of the building.

"The entire corps of the Patrick O'Hearn now join them in singing your praises and Mrs. Smith's and Miss McKenna's. I for one had no idea the Animal Rescue League was offering to the schools such an educational and entertaining program.

"The children will long remember your Hansel and Gretel puppets. In addition the pleasure which they experienced will do much to guarantee the retention of the splendid points on dogs and pets which you tried to impress upon them.

"We hope you will keep both schools in mind for a visit next year."

This letter and many others received from principals of schools visited by the League's puppeteers show clearly how well our programs are received in the schools and why we are booked every day of the school year. During the past year 382 puppet plays were presented before approximately 96,000 children and teachers. "Peter Rabbit," "Hansel and Gretel," "The Three Pigs," "Alladin" and "Tanya," a Christmas play, are extremely popular with the very young as well as the teenager.

Before each performance a short talk is given, stressing the importance of the care and control of pets. These talks vary according to the time of year and the animal problems of the school visited. The children are also told about the League's services and their willingness to help at all times. At the close of the performance a puppet appears before the curtain and asks the children what they have learned. We know that the message does carry over when the children answer in unison.

The principal of a Framingham school wrote:

"As usual, the Puppet Show was simply delightful. Personally, professionally, and in all ways, it's a privilege to have you and your colleague come to this building.

"The children are still reminiscing about the adventures of the rabbit family and all the other characters.

"Your presentation is so finished, gay, and character-building — both for the care of animals and for humans as well.

"We'd like very much to have you visit us next year during December — two days during the week of December 19. December 19 and December 20, 1960 would be an ideal time if it fits in with your schedule.

"Again, my sincerest appreciation to you and Mrs. Smith for your time and effort in our behalf.

"May you have a wonderful year!"

An Arlington school principal writes:

"Please accept my sincere thanks for the wonderful performance you and Mrs. Smith gave of 'Hansel and Gretel' at Hardy School this week. The children enjoyed the show and learned a great deal about kindness to animals from it.

"I am enclosing some of their letters and drawings."

During the summer the Education Department conducted the "Animal Friends Summer School" at Cataumet, Massachusetts. Approximately fifty children attended, all anxious to learn about their pets, woodland animals and conservation. The program is extremely popular and the parents are always grateful to the staff for their worthwhile efforts.

In May 500 posters were distributed to schools, libraries and settlement houses emphasizing "Be Kind to Animals Week." Groups from schools, settlement houses and girl and boy scout organizations visited the League headquarters where they were taken on a tour of the building, shown movies and given leaflets on care of animals.

On a national basis, the League's Director of Education is a member of the American Humane Association's Education Committee and attending a meeting in Denver, Colorado, where many puppets and photographs were displayed depicting the League's work in the schools here in Massachusetts.



BRANCHES

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DEDHAM AND NORTH SHORE

ON a 23-acre stretch of rolling fields and redolent groveland in Dedham, the League maintains one of the nation's finest cemeteries for animals. Here at Pine Ridge some 4,000 household pets have found their final resting place. And the burials continue at the rate of one a week. Here, too, in the twilight of a summer evening or the quiet of a Sunday afternoon a visitor may see families placing flowers at the grave of a departed but not forgotten dog or cat.

As one walks through the cemetery he may see the last resting place of the pets of the late George Arliss, famed British actor and an early member of the Animal Rescue League. The Arliss headstone states simply:

"Peaty Arliss, April 2, 1923

Master Billy, Jan. 6, 1919"

A marker on a grave nearby carries these four lines of verse over the name of Margaret R. Kimberly:

"That nothing walks with aimless feet

That not one life shall be destroyed

Or cast as rubbish to the void

When God hath made the pile complete."

Leaving the cemetery, one may stop to greet the horses which occupy stalls in the Pine Ridge barn. These occupants carry on the tradition and recall the days when many horses found comfortable quarters here while recovering from lameness or disease.

Pine Ridge also serves as a receiving station for small animals and during the past year 143 dogs, 447 cats and 30 miscellaneous animals were accepted and disposed of according to their owners' wishes.

To the north of Boston at 378 Highland Avenue, Salem, lies the League's North Shore Branch. Here, soon, we hope to erect a shelter that will be both a credit and

service to the pet owners of the North Shore communities.

Although animals must still be brought to our Boston headquarters to be sheltered, our ambulance collections and rescue services continue unabated. One day during an early-season blizzard our agent received a telephone call from a lady in Lynn advising him of a cat in a tree near her home. "Pussy" had been in her lofty perch three days, but this was our first knowledge of her predicament. When our agent reached the scene he put his extension ladder up to full length, but each time he started to ascend it, the ladder would slip on a slight incline at the base of the tree. The lady who had phoned admonished our agent not to risk his life to get the cat, but undaunted he tied the ladder to the tree and made the ascent. After a few minutes he was able to retrieve the cat — a stray — and returning to the Branch gave it food, drink and shelter.

Another incident, not quite so hazardous, but almost as difficult involved a dog. A large wooded area lies near our Branch, extending from Salem to Peabody, and from these woods one night during a winter's cold spell our agent heard a dog barking. He tried to locate it with a flashlight, but was unsuccessful. Again the next night the dog's barking was heard. The following day was a Sunday so our agent, aided by his son, set out into the woods to try and locate the unhappy dog. They tramped the woods for four and one-half hours before finding a lost, frightened Beagle, full of burdocks and twigs. Returning to the Branch they fed and cleaned the dog and discovered a Peabody license tag. The owner was notified and a happy reunion followed.

These are two fitting examples of the LEAGUE IN ACTION with which to conclude this annual report.

COMBINED RECORD OF ANIMALS FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1960

	Dogs	Cats	Horses and Mules	Cattle	Sheep and Swine	Poultry and Birds	Misc.	Total
Collected by Agents.....	8,780	25,132				662	655	35,229
Delivered by Owners.....	4,914	5,878				158	143	11,093
Clinic.....	12,919	3,293					214	16,426
Investigation Dept.....	559	142	26,673	11,864	2,506	1,237	385	43,366
Quarantine Dept.....	2,103	28					9	2,140
North Shore Branch.....	1,801	6,955					138	8,894
Pine Ridge Branch.....	143	447				6	24	620
Cape Cod Branches:								
North Harwich.....	299	830				15	31	1,175
Provincetown.....	150	334				38	8	530
TOTALS.....	31,668	43,039	26,673	11,864	2,506	2,116	1,607	119,473

Number of Investigations: 1,263 Dogs Returned to Owners: 600 Cats Placed in New Homes: 399
Dogs Placed in New Homes: 2,096 Horses Destroyed: 92 Cats Returned to Owners: 52
Miscellaneous Animals Placed in Homes: 459

*In 1799
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"I am only desirous that *science* and *art* should once be brought cordially to embrace each other, and to direct their united efforts to the improvement of agriculture, manufactures, and commerce, and to the increase of comfort."

We concur.

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FORM OF BEQUEST follows:

I give to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the sum of dollars (or if property, describe the property). The League's address is: Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets, Boston, Mass. Information will be given gladly.

Animal Rescue League of Boston

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Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Animals and Pine Ridge Home of Rest for Horses are maintained at 246 Pine Street, Dedham, Arthur W. Foster, Superintendent. Arrangements for burials, including cremations, may be made at corner Tremont and Arlington Streets.

The Boston Shelter is open 24 hours a day to receive animals.

RECEIVING STATIONS

Boston Shelter. Corner Tremont and Arlington Streets
Dedham. 246 Pine Street
East Boston. Police Station No. 7
Salem. Sherman Bates, 378 Highland Avenue

Cape Cod
Provincetown. Donald Westover, Snail Road
North Harwich. Hilliard Hopkins, Depot Street

Donations, Membership Fees and Bequests provide the main support of the League. Become a member, send a donation or make provision for us in your will, and help insure our continued protection of stray, unwanted, sick or injured animals. Of every paid-up League membership of \$2.00 or more, \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to *Our Fourfooted Friends*.

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